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Project Update

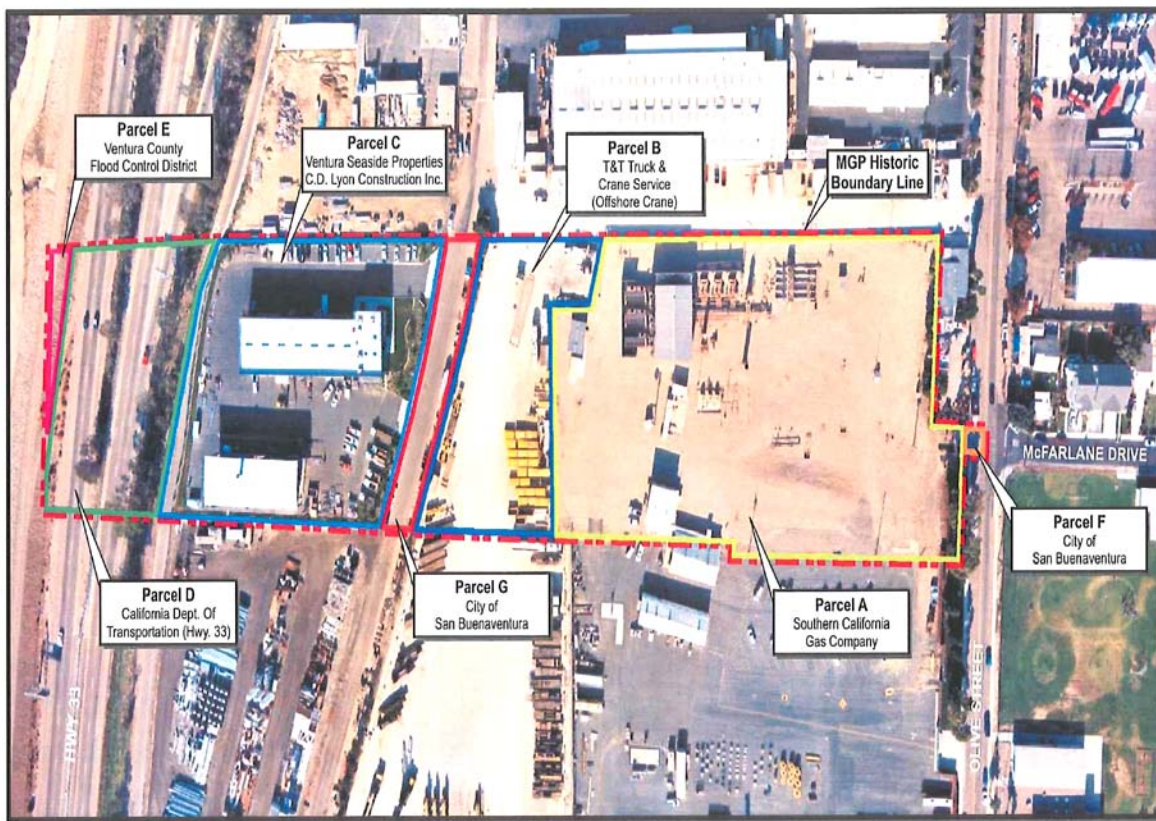
Former Ventura Manufactured Gas Plant Site

Introduction

The California Environmental Protection Agency, Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) is the regulatory agency providing oversight of the investigation and cleanup activities at the former Ventura Manufactured Gas Plant (MGP) Site which consists of approximately 8.5 acres of land generally located at 1555 N. Olive Street, in the City of Ventura, California. As a result of gas manufacturing activities which occurred on the property in the early 1900's, the property became contaminated by gas manufacturing residuals including lampblack which contains polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) and petroleum hydrocarbons (TPH). Due to complex property ownership and use issues, the Southern California Gas Company divided the Site into seven parcels, A-G, for ease of managing investigation and cleanup activities.

This fact sheet provides a brief summary of:

- Past Site Cleanup Activities
- Explanation of Significant Differences,
- California Environmental Quality Act, Notice of Exemption
- Where to Find Site Documents
- Who to Contact for Information



**Southern California Gas Company Former Ventura Manufactured Gas Plant Site
Aerial Photo Map and Parcel Boundaries**



Past Site Cleanup Activities

In October of 2009, the DTSC approved a Removal Action Workplan (RAW), otherwise known as a cleanup plan, for Parcel A of the Former Ventura MGP Site (Site), which is owned by the Southern California Gas Company. The RAW detailed plans for the excavation and proper treatment or disposal of an estimated 15,500 cubic yards of soil contaminated PAHs, metals and TPH.

In accordance with the approved RAW, cleanup activities were initiated in October of 2009. Work completed to-date includes the demolition of two buildings on Parcel A. In addition, approximately 23,000 cubic yards of contaminated soil has been removed from Parcel A, which is about 50% greater than originally estimated primarily due to greater required depths of excavation in several areas in order to achieve the required cleanup levels. Two thirds of the excavated soil was classified as contaminated, but non-hazardous soil, and was transported and recycled at TPST Soil Recyclers of California in Adelanto. The other one third of the soil was sent to Clean Harbors Landfill in Buttonwillow, CA as a California Hazardous Waste because the soil contained lead.

During remediation, abandoned buried pipelines were also removed and recycled. The excavated areas have been backfilled with clean import soil mined from local quarries and Parcel A has mostly been restored to its original grade.

Air monitoring has been conducted for dust, lead and volatile organic compounds at the excavation area, site perimeter, and the Boys and Girls Club building throughout the cleanup process. The air monitoring data has indicated that dust, lead and volatile organic levels have not exceeded health protective limits established in the RAW during soil excavation activities.

Explanation of Significant Differences

During the clean-up process, DTSC determined that access to an additional parcel (Parcel B) of

the property would be necessary to efficiently complete the project. Therefore, DTSC has determined that the remedy selected in the RAW should be modified to include Parcel B, and that these modifications are significant, but do not fundamentally change the remedy.

State and Federal laws require that an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD) be prepared where differences in the scope, performance, or cost of a selected remedy occurs, but does not fundamentally change the remedy selected. DTSC considers the increased amount of contaminated soil that needs to be removed, the increased time to do the additional soil removal, and the increased cost of the remedy selected in the RAW to be significant changes. On this basis, DTSC has prepared and approved an ESD. Although the changes will result in an increased volume of soil to be remediated, the contaminants remain the same as those identified in the RAW. Therefore, the cleanup methods and procedures established in the RAW will adequately support remediation of the additional contaminated soil.

Modification of the original RAW in accordance with the approved ESD will result in the removal of an additional 9,333 cubic yards of contaminated soil from an area of approximately 1-acre. This work will begin in late September 2010, and will take approximately six months to complete.

California Environmental Quality Act, Notice of Exemption

All protective measures included in the original RAW will apply for the additional soil clean-up activities. The additional work addressed by the ESD was evaluated in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act. A Notice of Exemption was prepared as a result of that evaluation. The NOE states that it is DTSC's finding that the proposed cleanup would have no significant impacts on the environment and community. You may review the Notice of Exemption along with the original RAW and ESD at the information repositories.

Where to Find Site Documents

The ESD and other related documents for this Site are available for review at the following locations:

Department of Toxic Substances Control

Regional Records Office
9211 Oakdale Avenue
Chatsworth, California 91311
(818) 717-6521

Ventura County Library (Avenue Library)

Main Office
606 North Ventura Avenue
Ventura, California 93001
(805) 643-6393

This ESD and related documents can also be found on DTSC's public website (EnviroStor) at the link: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov>.

All documents made available to the public by DTSC can be accessed in alternate formats (i.e. Braille, large print, etc.) or in another language, as appropriate, in accordance with State and Federal law. Please contact Mona Bontty at the phone number or email address listed for assistance.

Who to Contact for Information

If you have any questions about the project cleanup activities or would like to be added to the site mailing list, please contact:

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Notice to Hearing-Impaired Individuals

You can obtain additional information about the site by using the California State Relay Service at 1 (888) 877-5378 (TDD). Ask them to contact Mona Bontty at (714) 816-1978 regarding the Ventura MGP project.

Si desea información en español, comuníquese con Jeanne Garcia (818) 717-6573